

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	West Baton Rouge	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	17.0%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	22.5%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	5.6%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,053	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.9%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	7.6%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	0.0	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	83.8%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	79.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	10.8%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	18.8%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	NA	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	314.8	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	143.5	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	189.1	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	161.4	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	9.1	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.7	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 2	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	20.9%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	23.4%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	81.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	88.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	74.7%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

West Baton Rouge Parish was created on March 31, 1807. The earliest settlers arrived in the area before 1750. It is largely agricultural, but as East Baton Rouge Parish grows, so does this parish (the smallest area in the state). It is situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River, across from metropolitan Baton Rouge. Indian mounds are evidence of early Indian culture.



West Baton Rouge Parish is where yesterday and today share the Mississippi River Road that winds through Louisiana's famous Plantation Country. Browse through the West Baton Rouge Museum complex in Port Allen or photograph the mighty Mississippi from atop the Port Allen Lock wall. Enjoy the friendly small-town atmosphere of Baton Rouge's neighbor to the west while you sample sumptuous seafood buffets and real down-home Louisiana cooking at local restaurants.

Parish Seat³ Port Allen

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Port Allen

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	21,601
2003 (estimate)	21,717
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	62.8%
African-American	35.5%
Some other race.....	1.7%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.4%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	7.0%
5-14	15.8%
15-17	5.2%
18-19	3.0%
20-24	6.7%
25-64	49.1%
65 & over	15.5%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	25ft.
Land area in square miles	191
Water area in square miles	12.4

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	68°
January	59°
July	91°
Annual average rainfall	60.9 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

West Baton Rouge Parish

Civilian.....	10,536
Employed	9,798
Unemployed.....	738
Unemployment.....	7%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Southern University and A&M College
- Southeastern Louisiana University

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism.htm>>
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
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<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>